# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# EXTERNAL AFFAIRS
# LOK SABHA

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FLIGHT OPERATION TO NEPAL
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**Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:**

(a) whether after the declaration of emergency in Nepal, all the incoming and outgoing flights were cancelled by the Government of Nepal;

(b) if so, whether hundreds of Indian tourists and workers were stranded in Nepal;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

[d] the steps taken/being taken by the Government in this regard?

## Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI E. AHAMED)

(a) All flights, both domestic and international, were suspended in Kathmandu by His Majesty`s Government of Nepal from 1030 hrs on February 1, 2005. As a result flights, including those operated by Indian Airlines, Jet Airways, Air Sahara and Cosmic Air were cancelled. However, a Royal Nepal Airlines flight was able to take-off for Delhi, after the Kathmandu airport was opened late in the evening on February 1, 2005. Normal flights were permitted from February 2, 2005, onwards.

(b) & (c) It is estimated that about 350 India-bound passengers, including Indians, were stranded in Kathmandu.

(d) It is understood that the concerned airlines had made arrangements for accommodating stranded passengers. The Embassy of India in Kathmandu also made arrangements to provide all consular assistance to Indian nationals.